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SUBJECT: HAGUE CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW:
NEW ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 021380, (B) THE HAGUE 0359

1. IN JANUARY THE EMBASSY INFORMED THE HAGUE CONFERENCE THAT THE USG DID NOT AGREE WITH A REVISED SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS THAT WOULD PLACE THE US CONTRIBUTION AT 8.56 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET. THE EMBASSY NOW HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE TO SEE IF THE USG WOULD BE WILLING TO INCREASE ITS PRESENT 5.42 PERCENT ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO 6.85 PERCENT OR TO 7.08 PERCENT. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HAGUE CONFERENCE VAN HOOGSTRA滕 HAS ASKED INFORMALLY IF THE USG WOULD AGREE TO PAY (ALONG WITH FRANCE, BRITAIN, CANADA, WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN) A YEARLY ASSESSMENT OF 6.85 PERCENT, OR 33 UNITS UNDER THE HAGUE CONFERENCE 'S SYSTEM OF APPORTIONING OBLIGATIONS TO MEMBERS.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE 33 UNIT FIGURE FALLS JUST UNDER THE 7 PERCENT STATUTORY LIMIT ON US CONTRIBUTIONS
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TO THE HAGUE CONFERENCE BUDGET, WHILE THE SECOND FRENCH SUGGESTION OF 35 UNITS OF ACCOUNT WOULD PLACE OUR ASSESSMENT SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE LIMIT, 7.08 PERCENT. (FYI: THE FY 78 ASSESSMENT AT 25 UNITS IS 66,650 DUTCH GUILDERS, THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD INCREASE IF THE US GOES ALONG WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TO NOTIFY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HAGUE CONFERENCE THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO PAY, ALONG WITH THE OTHER PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS IN THE CONFERENCE, 33 UNITS OF ACCOUNT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE SMALL STAFF OF THE HAGUE CONFERENCE TO CIRCULATE A FORMAL PROPOSAL BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER GATHERING OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE ABOVE INFORMATION IS RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN KEARNEY-VAN HEUVEN LETTER OF JULY 8, WHICH WAS RECEIVED JUST AFTER FOREGOING DRAFTED. COUNSELOR OF FRENCH EMBASSY DE LA FORTELLE MADE INFORMAL SOUNDING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, IN EFFORT TO SOLVE CONTRIBUTIONS PROBLEM. VAN HOOGSTRATEN SEEMS FULLY INFORMED OF FRENCH INITIATIVE AND MAY BE BEHIND IT. CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE ALSO AWARE OF ISSUE.
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